

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of May 11 through May 14, 2017.

THURSDAY

05/11/2017

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in order to oversee the entry and scratch process. Overall, cards for the upcoming weekend filled rather well. An eight race card will be run on Friday, while the Saturday and Sunday programs will have nine races. Scratches and changes were held to a minimum. Ward will also write minutes for the week.

FRIDAY

05/12/2017

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1st race - #4 STS Moven Spitfire (Vet-injured)
#6 Dashing Roja (Vet- unsound) refund of \$663.00
3rd race #7 Royal Jordan (Vet-injured) refund of \$223.00
7th race #2 Maximo (Vet-injured) refund of \$337.00

(2) **RULINGS #116-#119**

RULING # 116

JOCKEY GALLYN VICK MITCHELL IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 7, 2017.

RULING # 117

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 7, 2017.

RULING # 118

JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 7, 2017.

RULING # 119

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 7, 2017.

The foregoing rulings were issued for minor transgressions by members of the riding colony.

(3) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim submitted prior to the second race by the Trainer Jesus Nunez for #7 Covington was voided as Official Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck reported that the horse was "off" in the right foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of the former trainer, Scott Willoughby.

(4) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the eighth race as #4 Scholarly unseated its rider, Eduardo Nicasio, and ran off. The refund from the late declaration amounted to \$2,579.00.

SATURDAY

05/13/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st race #1 Perfect Date (Vet-Sick) refund of \$635.00

(2) RULING #120

RULING # 120

OWNER ELADIO ALVARADO HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 12, 2017, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #17LA0138, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF ELADIO ALVARADO ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Alvarado did not respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Efforts to contact Mr. Alvarado proved fruitless.

(3) ILLICIT DRUG HEARING

Exercise Rider Jose R. Orozco was in the office this afternoon in response to a complaint filed against him as a search of his tack room revealed six "meth pipes", residue resembling Methamphetamine, and a subsequent field test showed positive results for Methamphetamine. Prior to the hearing this evening, Mr. Orozco was tested on two occasions and was "negative" for any banned substances. During the course of the hearing this evening, Mr. Orozco was candid, stating that he has used "meth" for approximately thirteen years, in an attempt to get relief from asthma symptoms. He said that the prescribed medications caused him to become, in his words, "wired". His employer is Mike Harrington.

Mr. Orozco was given the opportunity to test this evening. Unfortunately, the field test was "positive" once again for Methamphetamine. Mr. Orozco admitted to using three days ago. Consequently, the following ruling was issued:

RULING #121

EXERCISE RIDER JOSE R. OROZCO IS SUSPENDED FOR SIXTY (60) DAYS (MAY 16, 2017 THROUGH JULY 14, 2017) AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1489(8)(GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) (ENGAGED IN THE USE OF DRUGS – METHAMPHETAMINE) AND #1890(POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND). ADDITIONALLY, JOSE R. OROZCO IS REQUIRED TO SIGN A TESTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD AND ENROLL IN WINNERS FOUNDATION.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF JOSE R. OROZCO ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	835	On Track Handle:	\$141,232.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,972</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$443,494.60
Total:	2,807	Out of State:	<u>\$955,369.13</u>
		Total:	\$1,540,095.73

SUNDAY
05/14/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

8th race- #1 Rite Favorite (Vet-injured) refund of \$210.70

(2) Ruling #122

RULING #122

OWNER ROGELIO MORALES BARRAGAN HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 13, 2017, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #17LA0139, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF ROGELIO MORALES BARRAGAN ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) SUBJECTS ARE DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was issued as Mr. Barragan failed to appear for financial hearing.

(3) Rulings #123 thru #128

RULING # 123

JOCKEY ROBERTO C. HERNANDEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b) (6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 12, 2017.

RULING # 124

JOCKEY ARMANDO R. CERVANTES IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 12, 2017.

RULING # 125

JOCKEY ALEX JIMENEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 13, 2017.

RULING # 126

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 13, 2017.

RULING # 127

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 13, 2017.

RULING # 128

JOCKEY GUILLERMO SUAREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 13, 2017.

The preceding rulings were issued for infractions by members of our jockey colony. It is obvious that these riders are not getting the message as the violations run the entire spectrum – crop violation, cropping over the head, failure to fulfill riding assignments, etc. Whether or not we should increase the penalties is something to be discussed, but most of the riders are not making sufficient money to be able to absorb the fines.

(4) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the first race as #5 Canned Heat was observed bleeding from the nostrils by Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald while approaching the starting gate. The refund from the late declaration amounted to \$49,555.06.

(5) SMOOTH EVENING

All other matters during the course of this racing program were routine.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	809	On Track Handle:	\$133,755.40
Off Track Attendance:	1,756	Off Track Handle:	\$349,261.50
Total:	2,565	Out of State:	\$971,503.42
		Total:	\$1,454,520.32

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 14, 2017. There were no equine deaths to report this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period fifteen horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: six for soundness, five for injury, one for sickness, and three for shock wave therapy. Fifteen horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY 2017**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 05/12	SAT 05/13	SUN 05/14	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	3
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		1	3	2	6	137
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	15
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	28
REFUNDS		A			4	2	2	8	142
RULINGS			Y		4	2	7	13	127
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	0	0	1	27

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, Paul Atkinson, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward (Steward)

Paul Atkinson (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)